

CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS

Parks Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes July 11, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cary Bohn- Chair
Ashlee Bohn
Kristina Mercer
Will Cross
Michael Eaton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeremiah Greene
Jafid Herrera

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Nate Mara, City Manager
Greg Hall, Public Works Director
Heath Taylor, Parks Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT

Eddie Allen, Councilman
Julie Perkins
Joseph Garza

CALL TO ORDER

Cary Bohn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., July 11, 2023 at Decatur City Hall Annex, 303 W Walnut St., Decatur, Texas. A quorum was present.

Mayor McQuiston presented the Park Board and City park staff with a proclamation as July is Park and Recreation month.

1. CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 13, 2023

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Michael Eaton and seconded by Ashlee Bohn. The vote was unanimous.

2. UPDATE ON KEEP DECATUR BEAUTIFUL

Ashlee Bohn gave update from the KTB Conference. Presented results from a recent survey. Top two results were beautification and recycling for the city. KDB is planning a fall sweep but date has not been determined.

3. UPDATE ON SKATE PARK AT HARMON PARK

Heath reported that the topographical survey should be getting done within the next 2 weeks and that SPA will be meeting with city personnel to begin scheduling public meetings.

4. DISCUSS POSSIBLE SITES FOR FUTURE SPORTS COMPLEX

The board discussed possible sites that may be considered in the future to include: old dump site, industrial park and near future DISD properties. Nate reported that he had no new information from his contact.

5. DISCUSS POSSIBLE BOND FUNDED PARK PROJECTS

The board discussed the idea to use future bond money to secure future land. Cary asked Greg and Heath to ask the EDC about any available grant money.

6. UPDATE FROM PARK SUPERINTENDENT HEATH TAYLOR ON PARK ACTIVITIES

Heath reported on the Park Departments daily activities. Reported that the crew is busy fertilizing turf and making irrigation repairs. He is pricing aerators to help with turf conditions. Will be installing shade covers over benches at Big Mommas Park.

7. RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT ON PARK FUNDS

Greg provided financial balances on various park funds.

8. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Nate presented information on current development and growth in the city.

9. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Julie Perkins and Joseph Garza discussed with the board about wanting to promote pickle ball in the city parks. Also discussed improving the playing surfaces on the current courts at Jones Park.

10. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

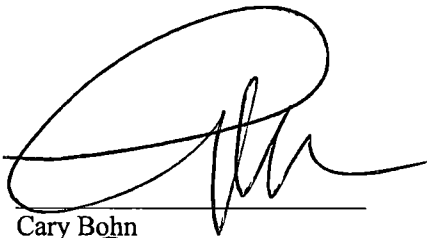
Next meeting was set for August 15, 2023.

11. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

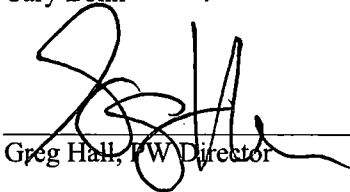
No items requested at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Cary Bohn adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.


Cary Bohn

8-15-2023
Date


Greg Hall, PW Director

8/15/23
Date